- 30. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 29 wherein the tablet includes a core and a coating layer surrounding said core and wherein one of the statin and aspirin is present in the core and the other is present in the coating layer surrounding the core.
- 31. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 30 wherein the aspirin is present in the core and the statin is present in the coating layer.
- 32. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 31 wherein the coating layer also includes one or more buffering agents.
- 33. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 27 wherein the statin is pravastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, fluvastatin, atorvastatin or cerivastatin.
- 34. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 27 further including one or more buffering agents in combination with statin.
- 35. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 29 further including an outer protective coating or finishing layer surrounding said tablet.
- 36. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 27 wherein the aspirin is in the form of enteric coated aspirin granules.
- 37. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 36 in the form of tablets or granules contained in a capsule. 2
- 38. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 36 wherein the enteric coated aspirin granules include a finishing overcoat, and the coated aspirin and the statin are in the form of a tablet or capsule.
- 39. The pharmac eutical composition as defined in Claim 38 wherein the coated aspirin granules and the statin in the form of granules are contained in the same capsule shells.

- 41. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in α laim 27 in the form of a tablet or capsule containing both aspirin granules and statin granules.
- 42. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 41 wherein the statin is in the form of enteric coated statin granules.
- 43. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 41 wherein the statin granules include an outer protective coating to protect against interaction with aspirin.
- 44. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 27 further including an antioxidant.

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- 45. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 44 wherein the antioxidant is vitamin C and/or vitamin E.
- 46. A method for lowering serum cholesterol or preventing or inhibiting or treating atherosclerosis or reducing risk of or treating a cardiovascular event or disease, coronary artery disease or cerebrovascular disease, which comprises administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination of a-statin cholesterol lowering agent and aspirin in a single dosage form, which dosage form reduces interaction between the statin and aspirin.
- 47. The method as defined in Claim 46 wherein the statin employed is pravastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, atorvastatin, fluvastatin or cerivastatin.